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# St. Joseph's Archconfraternity,

Canonically Established in the Church of St. Joseph, West De Pere, Wis.

THE OBJECT of this Association, favored by His Holiness, with the title of "ARCHCONFRATERNITY" for Northern America, is:

- 1st. To promote and to propagate the devotion to St. Joseph in America.
- 2d. To unite under the Patronage of St. Joseph all its members, living and dead, so that in a perpetual bond of charity, they help one another by prayer and other good works.
- 3d. To recommend the members to the protection of St. Joseph and to obtain his help and assistance during life, at the hour of death and in the expiation of Purgatory.

Conditions to be members are:

- 1st. To have his name and surname entered into the register of the Archconfraternity.
- 2d. To say every day the following ejaculation: St. Joseph, Most Pure Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, pray for us.

Indulgences: Plenary. 1st. On the day of admission. 2d. At the hour of death. 3d. On the principal Feast of the Association and Octave. 4th. On the day appointed by the Bishop and on the seven following days.—Partial. 7 years and 7 quarantines four times a year on holidays. Sundays or weekdays for visiting a church or chapel.—60 days for various acts of piety. (ANNALS page 115, Vol. III.)

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Holy Mass is celebrated at the Altar of St. Joseph for the Associates to obtain the success of their recommendations. Before Mass the intentions addressed to the Director are read and special prayers are said in honor of St. Joseph. Many favors have already been obtained by this practice.

Another Mass is said each week for the members of the Association, by a priest devoted to St. Joseph.

A lamp is burning day and night before the Holy Face and special prayers are offered to the Sacred Face of our Lord every day for the conversion of the intemperate persons and blasphemers. The members of St. Joseph's Association are earnestly requested to join their prayers to check such disastrous evils as intemperance and blasphemy.

The Deliverance unites the living members for the relief of the souls in Purgatory and especially of the departed Associates by the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

## The Holy League of Children

Under the Patronage of St. Joseph.

1. The names of children, to be placed under the protection of St. Joseph, are written on a special book, which remains at the feet of the statue.
2. The consecration is not limited to the feast of the Patronage, but can be done at any time, in sending the names.
3. No special ceremony is necessary but teachers or parents who desire to procure a favorable impression to the young ones, can do something in the family circle or in the school.
4. The consecration is not special to pupils of the school, but it is offered also to the infants after baptism, and it will be a security to the anxious and good mothers.
5. A certificate will be sent to those who can read.
6. There is no obligation whatever. But children will do well if they say the Hail Joseph, etc.—It will remember them the good devotion, which will be their safeguard.

The good and ancient practice of burning lamps and candles before the statue of St. Joseph is recommended to the Associates.

The expense for a lamp with olive oil is:

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" 30 days,	2.00
" one year	25.00
Wax tapers, candles, from ten to forty cents.	

According to its special object, the Archconfraternity publishes the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, which is a treatise of the devotion to St. Joseph in its doctrinal, historical and practical aspect. Every family devoted to St. Joseph should take a subscription.

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THE ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, published with the approbation of the Right Rev. F. X. Katzer, Bishop of Green Bay, and with the recommendation of His Eminence Cardinal Simeoni, His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, the Most Rev. Elder, Archbishop of Cincinnati, and the Right Rev. Bishops of Davenport, Covington, South Dakota, Marquette, San Antonio, Joppa, Trois Rivières, St. Albert's, were last year favored with the Apostolic Benediction of the Sovereign Pontiff. They are coming in season, to foster, to propagate, to explain the beautiful Devotion of the Holy and glorious Patron of the Catholic Church.

They will condense all that has been said in the past and all that will be said in the future of St. Joseph. Then each number will be divided in three parts: 1. Theology of the Devotion. 2. The history of the Devotion. 3. The practice of the Devotion, which we intend to promote by the Association.

Not relying upon ourselves but upon the assistance of St. Joseph, the devotedness of the Faithful, the help of all those who desire to glorify Him, we earnestly beg that this paper should not be forgotten among other papers, but that all those who will receive it, become solicitors and try to have other subscribers.

According to the injunction of Pope Urban VIII, we protest that what is contained in the ANNALS rests solely on private authority, and in making use of such words as divine, adorable, ineffable, holy, miraculous, we never intend to speak but of a participation purely merciful, and that we do in nowise wish to forego the judgement of the Church. We do also declare that we intend to write nothing but what may be entirely conformable to the mystic meaning of the Holy Church, Catholic Apostolic and Roman, to the infallible judgement of which we submit, without reserve and forever, our persons, our words, and our writings.

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## ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST. JOSEPH,

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AT WEST DE PERE, WISCONSIN.

By Brief of His Holiness Leo XIII.

*This is the day made by the Lord.* With these words our correspondent in Rome conveyed the good tidings of the erection of St. Joseph's Association to the title of an *Archconfraternity for Northern America*. The Brief was issued January XVI, at the beginning of the Novena preparatory to the Feast of the Spousals of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. It was indeed a day made by the Lord, which shall be never forgotten, as it is a manifestation of the mercy of God to those who invoke Him, another evidence of the powerful credit of St. Joseph in Heaven, a consoling presage of the abundant blessings which the whole country may expect from his protection. By this brief a special center of devotion to St. Joseph is established in De Pere, for the propagation and extension of the honors due to St. Joseph, the Blessed Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, giving to every one beautiful examples to imitate with the assurance of a strong help and protection.

So great is the favor and privilege to have an Archconfraternity of St. Joseph in America that we cannot let a part of this good gift overpass us, and we will employ this issue of the ANNALS to condense the history of the Association with all particulars, which may contribute to its development and prosperity.

### I. THE ORIGIN OF THE ASSOCIATION.

God is admirable in His works. Creating with nothing and choosing the weak

things of the world to accomplish His designs. There was in the small city of De Pere a poor church, dedicated to St. Joseph. Some years ago, at this place, there was no particular sign of a special devotion to the glorious Patron of the Church. Trouble arose in the Congregation and caused a change in the direction. Another priest was sent hither at the beginning of March, 1888. The daily devotions were given to the people, the feast of the 19th was celebrated with great solemnity and there was such a change in the dispositions of the Congregation, that any one could see in it a powerful influence of Our Blessed Patron.

A new statue of St. Joseph was ordered, and on the very day of its arrival, a great favor was granted to a family, the sudden cure of a child lying on her death-bed. The case was given up by the doctors, and as soon as the parents promised to have a Mass said in honor of St. Joseph, there were signs of improvement till the complete cure few days afterwards. The following Wednesday the girl with her parents went to offer her thanksgivings to St. Joseph.

On the 31st of May, the new statue was blessed and dedicated with great solemnity, and on the same day, it was decided to establish an Association with the object to propagate the devotion to the glorious Patron of the Church, to increase his veneration and to apply for his protection. The Right Rev. F. X. Katzer, Bishop of Green Bay, gave to the pious work his approbation and encouragement. From this date Mass was said every Wednesday in honor of St. Joseph for the recommended intentions. Many favors were obtained.

The Association increasing every day it was necessary to establish between its members means of communication, which was done by the publication of the **ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH**. Starting with the strong approbation of the Right Rev. Bishop of Green Bay the monthly magazine went throughout the country to announce the glories and virtues of St. Joseph, to develop his devotions in furnishing practical means, and manifest the wonders of his intercession.

The approbations of the Bishops of America belong to the history of the Association, as they are a manifestation of the devotion of the princes of the Church to St. Joseph. We publish them according to the date of their reception.

We heartily approve of your pious undertaking, said the Right Rev. F. X. Katzer, Bishop of Green Bay, and sincerely hope that the **ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH** which you intend to publish will be a means by which the Catholics of this Diocese and the Faithful in general will increase in love and veneration towards the powerful Patron of the Church, the great and glorious St. Joseph, and from which they will derive many a spiritual blessing.

Allow us to avail ourselves of this opportunity to recommend to the Associates of St. Joseph the poor Catholics of the Peninsula.

From His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons came the following letter:

Rev. Dear Father,

I beg to thank you for the copy of the **ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH** which you have sent me. I pray God to bless you and the work in which you are engaged. Faithfully yours in Christ,

James Card. Gibbons.

One of the warm and faithful supporters of the devotion to St. Joseph is the Right Rev. Henry Cosgrove, Bishop of Davenport, from whom we received the following:

Bishop's House, Davenport, Iowa, June 10th, 1889.  
Rev. J. F. DURIN.

Rev. Dear Father:—Please accept my thanks for the copy of the **ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH**, which you had the kindness to send me, I will fervently pray that God may bless the good work in which you are engaged in propagating the devotion to the great St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church.

I earnestly recommend some intentions to the prayers of the Associates.

Very sincerely yours in Christ.

HENRY COSGROVE, Bp. of Dav.

We keep as a dear remembrance the following letter of the lamented pious Bishop O'Connell:

Rev. Dear Father Durin:—Accept my sincere thanks for your "**ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH**!" Doubtless the Bishop of Los Angeles, Rt. Rev. Francis Mora, feel as grateful for the same, as I, his guest. But what need have you, Rev. Father, of my approbation after that of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII, who has graciously approved of, and blessed your work? His holiness is our Teacher and what he approves or condemns, we and all the Bishops of the Catholic Church most cordially approve or condemn. St. Peter speaks through Pope Leo.

Your oblig'd and sincere friend.

†E. O'CONNELL, Titular Bishop of Joppa.

The following letters timely went to encourage the propagation of the devotion to St. Joseph.

Episcopal Residence, Covington, Ky. June 8th, 1889.

To Rev. J. F. Durin, Rector, West De Pere, Wis.

Rev. Dear Sir:—The Right Rev. Bishop of Covington, Ky. has received the **ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH** which you sent him. He heartily approves your aim, viz. to extend the devotion of St. Joseph in America.

By order of the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

L. M. LAMBERT, Secretary.

Rev. J. F. DURIN, Rector, West De Pere Wis.

Rev. Dear Sir:—The Right Rev. Bishop Marty has rec'd yours of 6th inst. Entering fully into the spirit of your work in honor of St. Joseph, he will have special attention called to it in our diocesan Journal of which I send copy by mail, and will commend it to his people.

Sincerely Yours,

THOS. F. HOPKINS, Sec.

Bishop's house. Three Rivers, May 18, 1889.  
Rev. J. F. DURIN.

Dear Sir:—The extension of the devotion of St. Joseph, especially when the Church is exposed to such trials, is evidently in accordance with the designs of the Holy Providence, which has directed so many Faithfuls, Bishops, Cardinals to request the Sovereign Pontiff, Pius IX of happy and holy memory, to proclaim the glorious Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, and Foster Father of our Saviour.

PROTECTOR AND PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH and has inspired the Pope Leo XIII, gloriously reigning, to recommend that we implore every day the protection of St. Joseph.

Therefore I approve your efforts to propagate the devotion to St. Joseph, under the direction of the Right Rev. F. X. Katzer, Bishop of Green Bay, Wis., and the Association established for this purpose in the church of St. Joseph, West De Pere, Wis., and I pray the Lord to pour upon you and the Association His most abundant blessing.

Your devoted servant in J. Ch. Our Lord,

L. F., Bishop of Three Rivers.

Rev. J. F. Durin, West De Pere, Wis.

Rev. and dear Father:—I read with pleasure your **ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH** and I feel glad to see that some one takes interest and pains in spreading that devotion so much praised by the Holy Father and so useful to the faithful. This great saint has shown his power and protection to all those who have implored him. He has helped me in many circumstances and I will promote his devotion whenever I will have the chance to do it. Send me six copies of the **ANNALS**.

May God bless you in your work.

I remain sincerely yours,

JOHN C. NERAZ, Bishop of San Antonio.

Another previous encouragement was sent to the pious work by His Eminence Cardinal Simeoni prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda.

HOLY CONGREGATION OF THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

Rome, May 22, 1889.

Rev. Father:—Recently I received a copy of the **ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH**, which you kindly sent me. The end to which the work is directed, viz. to promote and to propagate the devotion to the powerful Patron of the Catholic Church, is very much commendable. Therefore when I return special thanks, I fully expect that it will turn to the advantage of the Church of God. Meanwhile, I wish you all good from God.

D. T. Devoted,

Rev. J. F. Durin. JOHN CARD. SIMEONI, Prefect. St. Joseph's church, rector.

Assured to do a good work, the little Messenger of St. Joseph went in every city of America, inviting every one to look at the admirable Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to admire his virtues and his glory, to turn to him in time of tribulation and to rely on him with perfect confidence.

It was received with a hearty welcome by the religious communities, which became the most powerful instruments of the propagation of the **ANNALS** and never failed to help the Association of St. Joseph in its trials and difficulties.

Through the **ANNALS** pious practices were suggested to the Associates. One of the most important is our monthly Novena for the intentions of the members. Writing August's issue it came to our mind that before the feast of the Assumption we should apply especially to the Glorious Queen of Heaven to obtain

the glorification of St. Joseph in America. It was done with great fervor and during nine days Mass was said every day and at night special prayers were offered for this intention.

The ways of God are impenetrable but always admirable and merciful. The last exercise of the Novena was hardly performed, when a storm arose, the steeple of St. Joseph's church was struck by lightning, and two hours later the whole building was a heap of ashes and ruins.

Was our hope frustrated? Was our prayer unheard? No: just at the same time we were overjoyed by the good news of the publication of the Encyclical of Leo XIII, recommending by his own authority the devotion to St. Joseph and inviting the Christian people to turn in their troubles to this MIGHTY DELIVERER.

This calamity was an occasion to St. Joseph to manifest his power and his credit in heaven by disposing his devoted clients to repair the disaster of August 14. The construction of a new church was commenced on September 9th under the auspices of the Blessed Virgin Mary and on Christmas day we assembled in the new building to praise God for the wonderful assistance granted to this work through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of her most chaste spouse St. Joseph.

On the following summer the church was plastered, and, we may say, completed just one year after the destruction of the former building.

The people were invited for a solemn day of thanksgiving on the 8th of September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A local paper, the *Brown County Democrat*, gave the following description of the Feast:

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed



Virgin Mary last Monday (September 8th) was celebrated in St. Joseph's church in the most solemn manner.

Early in the morning trains conveyed from various directions people who came to join in the celebration. Twenty-three persons came from Oconto, six from Cooperstown, several from Duck Creek, Green Bay and neighboring towns.

Low masses were said in the morning for communicants, and many people were seen in the Church from six to nine, devoutly praying and receiving the Holy Eucharist.

At half past ten a large number of faithful assembled to hear the solemn High Mass.

The celebrant was Rev. Father Van Hooteghem, of Duck Creek, assisted by Father Smitz, of St. Boniface's, as deacon, and Father Verstegen, of St. Mary's, as sub-deacon, Father Durin acting as master of ceremonies.

The altar was decorated with fresh bouquets and the profusion of candles was simply beautiful.

It would be impossible to render the impression made by the beautiful ceremonies of the Solemn High Mass. Even Protestants were conquered by the beautiful display, which was especially attractive last Monday in the new St. Joseph's Church, built with such taste that there is only one voice to praise its architecture.

During Mass a sermon was delivered in French by Rev. Vaillant, of Oconto. He invited the people with this persuasive eloquence to be thankful to God for all His benefits, but especially for this wonderful work of rebuilding the church in such a short time.

After Mass Father Holzknicht, of Cooperstown, addressed the audience in English. His subject was to inculcate in the minds of his hearers the necessity and beauty of the devotion to St. Jo-

seph, and next, to show that the work done at De Pere was a manifestation of the intention of Holy Providence to establish there a center of the devotion to which people of all parts of America would come to implore the favors of St. Joseph.

There are already evidences of such design in the establishment in St. Joseph's church of a special Association to enroll all Catholics of America; in the Apostolic Benediction granted by the Pope to the work; in the approbation and encouragement given by the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese and several prelates of America.

Father Holzknicht proved that he was a persuasive orator. Though the hour was advanced nobody was tired to hear him.

At 3 o'clock the people assembled again for the evening devotions. Fathers Rice, of St. Francis' church, and Van Roosmalen, of Green Bay, honored the feast with their presence. Vespers being sung, Father Holzknicht addressed the faithful. After an introduction which was a conclusive proof that the devotion to St. Joseph was a special gift granted by God at the end of time to help the Church in the hour of persecutions and trials, he gave us a historical chapter of the establishment of Catholicism in Wisconsin, the seed of Christianity having been sowed by Father Claude Joseph Allouez, in the soil of De Pere, cultivated by other devoted missionaries and soaked in the blood of martyrs. Hence comes the conclusion that the religion, implanted in our land under the auspices of St. Joseph, will grow and develop to its full extension under the protection of the same Great Holy Patron.

Everyone was delighted with this eloquent address, and the impression was great when, at the conclusion, the orator kneeling down before the statue of St.

Joseph, placed the Association under his care and protection, invoking his powerful intercession over this large and beautiful country—America.

Then commenced the procession; children who made their First Communion on the previous day, headed by the cross-bearer, walked slowly in the aisles of the Church; lo! here is the statue of St. Joseph carried by four members of the congregation, and followed by the celebrant and his assistants, clad in the rich gilded vestments used in the Catholic Church.

The beautiful hymn "Te Deum" was sung alternately by the celebrant and the choir with great impression, and the services concluded by the solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The feast favored by the sweet and beautiful weather of our autumnal season gave to our city a festival appearance and caused such contentment to the strangers that they expressed loudly the desire to partake again in such beautiful demonstrations of faith and devotion.

A WITNESS.

The presence of so many strangers in St. Joseph's church on the feast of the Nativity who came to unite their homages and prayers to St. Joseph with the members of the Congregation was an evidence that the glorious Spouse of the Blessed Virgin had chosen this place and the newly built church to put his name and his heart there forever, to hearken to the supplications of his servants, and whatever they shall pray for in this place, he will hear them and manifest his protection.

Under this impression the director of the Association in his desire to accomplish the object of the work, the extension of the devotion of St. Joseph unceasingly implored his assistance, when he was suddenly impressed in his mind with the idea that the glorious Patron of the Church should receive from his Ameri-

can church a rich crown as a symbolic acknowledgement of his eminent dignity on earth and in heaven. The Coronation of St. Joseph in America will be soon an accomplished fact, as May 8th, 1892, will be the day fixed by the Right Rev. S. G. Messmer, Bishop of Green Bay, for this national manifestation in honor of St. Joseph. Under the title of "The Coronation of St. Joseph in America" a special volume will be published, to convey to the reader all the particulars of this great event.

The work of the Association for the propagation of the devotion to St. Joseph was already favored with the Benediction of the Holy Father through the kindness of His Eminence Cardinal Rampolla, the Secretary of State, His Holiness being informed of the publication of the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, sent to the work His apostolical Benediction, and the good news was brought through the following letter:

Rev. Sir:—

Your letter of March 2, with the offering of the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, were presented to His Holiness. As the devotion to the most holy Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is very much endeared by His heart, He ordered to thank you for the offering and send the requested Apostolic Benediction.

While I communicate to you the good news I beg of the Lord that all may be propitious and pleasing. Of you, Rev. Sir, Most Devoted,

CARD. RAMPOLLA.

Rev. J. P. Durin, Rector of St. Joseph's Church,  
West De Pere, Wis., U. S. A.

It was a most precious and encouraging document, as it contained in itself the highest judgment on the value of the devotion to St. Joseph, which is very much endeared by the heart of the Holy Father. And all that is comforted by His blessing must be a success. This is the explanation of the wonderful extension of the Association throughout the States and of its prosperity.

As it was acknowledged beyond doubt that the Catholics of America would crown St. Joseph, the director of the Association went to Rome to present to the Holy Father the petitions of the Bishops and the pious clients of St. Joseph.

The journey was successful beyond expectation. The Holy Father was well pleased to hear that St. Joseph would be crowned by the Catholics of the United States, and the question being examined by the Holy Congregation of the Rites, the requested favor was granted with a very precious gift: The concession of a plenary indulgence for all those, who coming to the feast of the Coronation, will receive Holy Communion at St. Joseph's shrine.

While soliciting this great privilege for the glorification of St. Joseph, we applied for a greater favor, a permanent one, the erection of St. Joseph's Association to the title and privileges of an Archconfraternity for Northern America. Our petition was a complete success. On the 14th of August, just two years after the destruction of the old church, the brief granting special indulgences was issued. The second brief establishing the Archconfraternity was signed and sent from Rome on the XVI of January, 1892, and we received the good tidings on the very day of the Feast of the Spousals of the Blessed Virgin Mary with St. Joseph. Uniting our unworthy voice to the angelical chorus, we blessed the God of heaven, *giving glory to him in the sight of all that live because He has shown His mercy to us.* (Tobias XII, 6.

## II.

To appreciate the great privilege granted to the Catholics of America by the erection of the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph. We may say that it is a special favor of the Holy See. A sodality can be established in a diocese by permission of the Bishop, but an Archconfraternity covering a larger territory and several dioceses, is in the province of pontifical jurisdiction.

Its privileges are determined by a brief. The principal one is the power of aggregating other societies and communicating indulgences. With its Archconfraternity St. Joseph's church of De Pere is now the center of the devotion of St. Joseph for this immense country of Northern America.

This is an immense favor in itself but

it will appear yet more extraordinary if we consider the object of the Archconfraternity, the revival, the propagation of the devotion to St. Joseph in America. It is well expressed in the sentence chosen as the motto of the work:

*With thy comeliness and the beauty, set out prosperously, St. Joseph, and Reign!*

Members of the Archconfraternity, we are invested with the glorious mission to search, to study, to meditate and to explain the admirable man whom God has selected to cooperate in his profound mysteries taking him in his secret counsels, choosing him for his substitute on earth to protect, to guard, to defend His only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, the thrice Blessed Man, spoused to the Immaculate Mother of God. A pious and learned servant of St. Joseph has announced that at the end of time, there will be men of great learning who will discover the great wonders operated by God in St. Joseph. Members of the Archconfraternity, this is the favor granted to you! Look at the comeliness and beauty of your Patron, and calling together your friends and neighbors show them the priceless pearl which you have found, the devotion to St. Joseph.

Its privilege is that it brings to every body beautiful examples, admirable lessons of virtues, together with a strong protection in every trouble and tribulation.

St. Joseph is a universal Patron for all ages and conditions.

He is a father to the children, to whom He bestows his love and affection, so that under his care they may live in security. Head of the Holy Family he is a refuge and a strong protection to the fathers and mothers. A model of purity he is the defender of the Virgins. He is together the delights of the contemplatives and the patron and the model of the laborers, having himself spent his life in the workshop as a carpenter. Truly St. Joseph must be a special Patron to the Church in America, to settle the heard questions raised by the opposition of capital and labor, to show the

beauty of obedience to men imbued with a spirit of independence, to guard the people against the allurements of pleasures, the fascination of money. The Archconfraternity will show them the right way, saying *Go to Joseph and do all that he shall say to you.*

## III

The Archconfraternity of St. Joseph is organized on such plan as to bring to every one of whatever age and condition the blessing and protection of its powerful Patron. I am Joseph, says he: Come nearer to me. God sent me before you for your preservation, I am sent by the will of God, who has made me the Lord of his whole house. Jacob went with his whole family into Egypt and they were received all young and old by Joseph who sent them to Gessen, the best land of the kingdom. He gives a larger part to his young brother Benjamin and later as it was told him that his father was sick, he set out to go to him. Jacob died and when Joseph saw this, he fell upon his father's face, weeping and kissing him, and he commanded his servants to embalm his father and after a time he went to bury him, celebrating the exequies with a great and vehement lamentation.

In the same manner through the Archconfraternity, the benefits of the protection of St. Joseph are distributed to every one, either young or old and even in death the members are not divided.

Practically the Association is divided in three sections. The Holy League for the children; the union of older members, and the Deliverance for the relief of the departed Associates.

The reader, who will give his attention to the following explanations will admire the organization of the work, it constitutes the family of the children of St. Joseph who spare no efforts in this life to procure his glorifications, expecting in return his protection on earth and a share in his glory in heaven.

## THE HOLY LEAGUE OF CHILDREN.

Consecrated to St. Joseph.

*Bring your young brother hither to me and I will set my eyes on him.* (Gen. XLIV, 21.)



THIS mandate of the superintendent of Egypt we have a figure of the affection of St. Joseph for the little ones. Chosen by the Eternal Father to be His substitute near His Son Jesus, he received eminently the gift of paternity, loving the child Jesus

with an affection never equaled by any other man. The child Jesus was the only occupation of his soul, the object of his desires, the end of his actions. And in return the child Jesus loved Joseph as his father, sweetly reposing in his arms, totally abandoning Himself to his care. Who may describe the effusions of the Heart of Jesus into the Heart of Joseph!

Therefore St. Joseph is a special Protector of the children. He loves them equally with Jesus, as the cherished portion of his heirship; he set his eyes on them, and while he lavishes his blessings on his clients, he gives the greater part to the little ones. How attractive Joseph is to them? Pure innocent children are naturally inclined to St. Joseph and they love him as their good father.

A universal conjuration has been organized by Satan against the child to separate him from his Redeemer Jesus Christ.

The pass-word is: war to the children. Searching them, he employs every means to destroy them by separating them from their mother the Church, by poisoning their souls in certain schools from which God is expelled. But God will frustrate such wicked designs by sending Joseph to the children. *Arise, Joseph, and take thy child, for it will*

*come to pass that Herod will seek the child, to destroy him.*

And just when hundred schemes are imagined to deprive the child of a sound education, to surrender him to his enemies, appears the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph which addresses its strong appeal to the mothers, to the teachers, to the pastors, saying: *Bring the young ones hither to Joseph and he will set his eyes on them.* And so the children going to Joseph to seek for refuge and protection constitute

#### THE HOLY LEAGUE.

The Holy League can be established in every christian family, by sending the names of the children to the Director of the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph; but it is especially organised for the pupils of the Catholic schools to give them the same protector whom God has chosen for His divine Son Jesus. The conditions are:

1st. To send the names of the children that they might be registered in the book which remains at the feet of the statue.

2nd. The Patronage of St Joseph is the principal Feast of the members of the Holy League. We advised the teachers to prepare them for a renewal of their consecration to St. Joseph.

3rd. There is no obligation whatever. We suggest the frequent recitation of the beautiful prayer: Hail Joseph. A certificate of admission is sent on application.

This practice to place the child under the protection of St. Joseph has already brought fruits to many schools. To teach the children to pray to St. Joseph, to venerate him and to love him is a security for their whole life and for their eternal salvation.

#### THE ASSOCIATION

##### For Christian Families.

Undoubtedly the devotion to St. Joseph is a strong preservation in the dangers of life, a powerful means to advance in the practice of virtue, a mighty power to keep us in the friendship of God and to secure our eternal salvation. In the designs of Holy Providence it comes just in our time to protect and to defend Christian families against the perverting power of the age. Therefore the Church has always encouraged the works established with the purpose to foster and propagate the devotion to St. Joseph and his holiness Leo XIII has heartily encouraged the efforts made in this country to procure the benefits of this devotion to the faithful, giving the title and privilege of

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to the Association already established in the Church of St. Joseph at De Pere. The special object of the society is to make known the devotion to St. Joseph, to propagate it, to multiply the honors due to their glorious Patron, and therefore to inspire its members with an unbounded confidence in his protection.

Accordingly members offer their prayers for one another, so that if one member suffer anything all the members suffer with it, and if one member glory all the members rejoice with it. In the meantime at the center of the Association honors and prayers are multiplied in honor of its glorious Patron as a perpetual intercession for all those who need his assistance.

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY

the Holy Mass is celebrated at the altar of St. Joseph for the Associates to obtain the success of their recommendations. Before Mass the intentions addressed to the Director are read and special prayers are said in honor of St.

Joseph. In the evening the Benediction of the Blessed sacrament is offered for the same intention. Another Mass is said every week for the members of the Archconfraternity by a priest devoted to St. Joseph.

Every month, the Associates are invited to join in a *Novena* of prayers for special intentions. A letter box has been placed at the feet of the statue of St. Joseph to receive private intentions. It is considered as a very successful practice by many members of the Association. A lamp is burning day and night at the feet of our glorious Patron and many persons join in this holy practice sending offerings to have lamps lighted in honor of St. Joseph. We hope that soon there will be at St. Joseph's shrine seven lamps burning continually in honor of the glorious Patron of the church.

The feasts of St. Joseph are celebrated in the most solemn manner at his shrine, and therefore we may say by this increasing veneration of the glorious Patron the Archconfraternity is the cause for this country of overflowing benedictions. Every Catholic should take interest in it and join its efforts for the exaltation and glorification of St. Joseph in America.

For this object, we recommend especially the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, a monthly magazine published by the Archconfraternity. As this Association is established for the whole country of Northern America it needs absolutely an official organ to correspond with the Associates, to unite them by the same practices, to transmit every information which may contribute to the advancement of the good work.

By its monthly visit, it revives in the family circle the remembrance and the devotion to St. Joseph and experience proves that the Lord blessed the house for St. Joseph's sake.

Does the Archconfraternity require a contribution on its members? No! the admission is free of charge. However every one is aware that an Association cannot work without assistance. Willing to enjoy privileges, we should be ready to contribute according to our means for necessary expenses. The practice of the Associates is to send one dollar each year i. e. 75 cent for the ANNALS and 25 ct. as an Annual offering. We state it as an answer to inquiries, as we are well acquainted with the dispositions of the clients of St. Joseph, always ready to generously contribute to the glorification of their beloved Patron.

How precious is an Association, which provides its members with a strong protection during life and strive to secure them with a happy death and a speedy deliverance for the pains of Purgatory. Through our union, the holy Mass is celebrated every day for the deliverance of the souls in Purgatory and especially for the departed Associates. Who may decline to join a society honored by the Patronage of the glorious St. Joseph and instituted to give honor to God, to rejoice Angels, to edify the Church, to bring blessings to the living, peace and rest to the dead.

*Go to St. Joseph, and consult him as they consulted him.*

#### St. Mechthilde's Prayer.

Praying before the wounded Face adored,  
Dear St. Mechthilde thus addressed our Lord:  
"Grant unto those who own Thy heavenly grace  
And chant the praises of Thy Holy Face,  
That thou mayest still be with them on life's way,  
And their tired footsteps falter not, nor stray."  
Our Lord this precious answer deigned: "From Me  
Not one of them shall separated be."

*Marcella A. Fitzgerald.*

*Go to St. Joseph, and be grateful to him as they were grateful to him.*



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**T**HIS issue of the ANNALS has been delayed, awaiting the arrival of Bishop Messmer to arrange the program of the Coronation. It will be found enclosed as April's supplement.

**W**E are glad to recommend to all those who will come to the feasts of the Coronation, the Commercial Hotel of De Pere. We have all reasons to believe that its proprietor will give entire satisfaction to all those who will go there. Apply to Mr. Wolske, Commercial Hotel, De Pere, Wis.

**T**HE sanctuary of St. Joseph's church is now decorated by an eminent artist, which will develop with religious and artistic paintings the idea of the glorification of St. Joseph. We recommend Mr. Jos. T. Rousseau, to the pastors who have intention to decorate their own church with taste and according to the laws of religious art.

**W**E desire to decorate St. Joseph's church for the Coronation with banners, wreaths, bouquets, sent by the Associates. The variety will be a beautiful expression of the devotedness of the clients of St. Joseph. This kind of work can be easily done in Convents and Academies or by members of parochial societies like "*Enfants de Marie*." St. Joseph is their favorite saint

and they will be glad to do something for his glorification.

**T**HE good tidings of the Consecration of Right Rev. S. G. Messmer, which took place on the fourth Sunday of Lent, at Newark, N. J., will rejoice all the members of the Archconfraternity. The prelate chosen by Holy Providence to crown St. Joseph, at his arrival in his diocese, will certainly provide for the extension and the development of a devotion, which was endeared by Him always. In the hope that, for St. Joseph's sake, the Lord will bless all the works of our Bishop, but we heartily say *ad multos annos!*

**T**HE practice of burning wax candles before the statues of Saints is a very commendable one. We hope that every member of the Archconfraternity will send the small alms necessary to have at least one candle burnt at his intention. We specially suggest the idea that every one should be represented at the illumination which must be done at the time of the Coronation. There are candles from 10 to 50 cents according to size. Lamps can be furnished at the usual price, 75 cents for a Novena.

**W**ITH our scanty means we cannot give to the feasts of the Coronation the splendor which is required for such occasion, if we are not assisted by the pious clients of St. Joseph. Several among them have already encouraged our efforts, but we need the help of all who desire that St. Joseph should be glorified. The solemn Coronation, according to the Brief, will be done only once in Northern America, and it must be a manifestation of veneration and love to our glorious Patron not only in words but in truth and actions.

**J**OSEPHA, the bell of the Archconfraternity, was cast on the 26 of March, the day before the Consecration of Bishop Messmer. The sponsorship has been offered to a most devoted client of St. Joseph, which will represent the Archconfraternity. It will be blessed early in May with a bell furnished by the parish and another one offered by two generous servants of St. Joseph. Their joyous peal will announce the Coronation to the country around. Blessed are those who have contributed and who will contribute to this lasting monument of piety. Each peal will be an expression of our gratitude.

"Go, then, to St. Joseph, and do all that he shall say to you."

### THE CORONATION OF ST. JOSEPH.

One month more and our glorious and dear Patron St. Joseph will receive a precious crown, the symbol of his dignity. In the name of the Sovereign Pontiff, a prelate recently consecrated will appear with a diadem in his hands and setting it over St. Joseph's brow will exclaim: *Thus shall be honored, whom God hath a mind to honor.*

We are glad to place before the readers a letter sent by one of our devoted Associates. Would that all American Catholics understand the Coronation of St. Joseph, as he does.

The announcement, says he, which your last letter contains, brings joy and gladness to my heart, as I know, it will likewise send a thrill of emotion and thanksgiving through the breasts of all the Associates and friends of St. Joseph everywhere! What feeling of gratitude would swell our minds and hearts at the early prospect of realizing the long cherished hope of seeing our glorious Father St. Joseph, crowned, with the highest honors that can be awarded to

any creature upon earth—the love and homage of devout Christian hearts. Surely heaven will be propitiated and shower upon us untold blessings and favors. St. Joseph comes to us borne down with precious gifts. The crowning of St. Joseph will open a new era in the progress of the Church in America. Let us pray that it will be the dawn of a new life, in which the spirit of worldliness shall have no part, but the bright virtues and sterling qualities of St. Joseph will shine with ever increasing splendor and beauty, influencing all and uniting the clergy and laity in the closest possible ties of friendship and Christian fellowship. This is the idea to which the Bishop-elect gives expression in his endorsement of the coronation. May his pious desire be fully realized.

The star of St. Joseph is in the ascendant and soon will set in a halo of the highest splendor when upon his majestic head will be placed the jeweled crown, symbolical of the love and veneration in which he is held, and illustrative of the rich virtues that adorn his character. What may we not expect in return for this offering? All the treasures of heaven are in his keeping and he will deal them out to us with unsparing hand. He will fairly renew the face of the earth and cause the barren soil to bloom afresh, producing rich and varied fruits for heaven. He will inspire a love of domestic virtue, purify and exalt the affections, enkindle a love of purity in all hearts. The little ones he will press to his bosom in fatherly embrace as he once did the Infant Saviour and cause his divine smile to lengthen their lives and his divine knowledge to illuminate their minds. St. Joseph will have no godless education to despoil in them the image of God and destroy the precious fruits and merits of the redemption. Ah! how sadly



we need his presence amongst us, to teach us lessons of true wisdom and humility, without which all worldly learning and science are vain and foolish, worse than useless, since without the knowledge of God and ourselves, such acquirements are a hindrance and not a help in the work of salvation. If even paganism extolled this knowledge of self, how much dearer should it not be to Christians. But some of our modern statesmen and philosophers, so called, have not the wisdom of the benighted pagans. St. Bernard, in speaking of Abelard, tells us that he knew or fancied he knew all things in heaven and on earth, *except himself*. His utter failure was the result of want of this knowledge. Learning is a good thing, but humility is far better. God wants us to remain forever in our childhood. This is not easy for some who would wish to be esteemed, but it is the only condition upon which he will communicate His knowledge. We should be willing to accept such generous terms from one, who deigned to leave His throne in Heaven for a pallet of straw upon earth. J. M.

The news that the Coronation of St. Joseph would soon take place, has brought great joy to all our associates. If space would permit, we would be glad to reproduce many letters, calculated to excite the enthusiasm of the clients of St. Joseph. We apply for something better than word, for action.

We remind that the Coronation will be preceded by a solemn triduum, commencing Thursday, May 5th, and continuing May 6th and 7th. It will be followed by eight days of continual festivities, which are announced in the annexed program. The special favor of the Coronation is that during the whole week any adult who will come to St. Joseph's church and receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist and pray before

the crowned statue at the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, will gain a plenary indulgence, which can be applied to the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

We beg St. Joseph's Associates to give their intention to the special celebration of May 11th, the Children's Day. How it is important that the pupils of the parochial schools unite on this day in a powerful prayer to St. Joseph, that he may deign to keep them under his guard and powerful protection.

The Associates of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, should distinguish themselves by a true sincere attachment to the Holy Roman Catholic Church, happy to serve their Mother and to be devoted to her interests, excluding all stains of spurious liberalism. Therefore they must keep in a special remembrance the great Pontiff Pius IX who has fought so long, so valiant combats for the liberty of the Church. His first centenary must be remembered and celebrated in every place where there is an Associate of St. Joseph. We beg all members of the Archconfraternity to offer on May 12th a communion or to hear Mass in remembrance of Pius IX.

The Coronation of St. Joseph will be a small affair if it is limited to the manifestation which will take place in St. Joseph's church at De Pere. While the Right Rev. Bishop of Green Bay will set the crown on the head of the venerated statue, the Associates, in whatever place they may be, must act in union and offer some special homage to St. Joseph. In convents, academies, all over America the ceremony of the Coronation should be repeated, with hymns and canticles, with every sign of joy and confidence and St. Joseph must be proclaimed our guardian, our protector, our guide,

OUR KING.

*With thy comeliness and beauty set out prosperously, St. Joseph, and*

REIGN.

*Go to St. Joseph, and obey him as Jesus and Mary obeyed him.*

## PIUS IX.

**His First Centenary, May 12, 1892.**

Looking back at this expiring century we will not be contradicted, if we say that: Among the men who have illustrated this epoch prominently stands:

PIUS IX,

Pius the Great! Pius the beloved!

To any one, who is not blinded by prejudices, his pontificate is a clear strong evidence that the Holy Catholic Church is a divine institution on earth, under the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

With his military genius Napoleon I has conquered the kingdoms of Europe and commanded for a while to the princes and kings. But what remains of his work, but a sad remembrance?

In the year 1846, a pope is elected. The tiara is placed over the head of an unknown Bishop, governing a small diocese. Hell has plotted the definitive destruction of the Church everything is ready for the accomplishment of its satanic designs; the kings give hands to the Masonic conjuration, the people are perverted by a godless teaching and by the sophisms of the philosophers, the Church itself is weakened by a spirit of independence, there are everywhere forebodings of a cataclysm. Is there an ark in which we may find refuge and salvation? Yes, the Catholic Church is the bark which defies the stormy billows, continuing its safe journey to the haven of Eternity. To resist the threatening fury God has chosen and prepared a pilot, Pius IX.

His election reminds the choice of David to resist the spurious giant Goliath. There were in the sacred college of cardinals men endowed with greater talents, with a more powerful credit, with stronger influence, but the Lord God does not judge according to the look of man: *for man seeth those things that appear, but the Lord beholdeth the heart*. He has prepared a man according to His Heart for the government of His Church. John Mastai was elected Pope and appeared before the world with the name of Pius IX.

As soon as the pontifical crown is set over his head, as a raging tempest, the

Revolution assails the Holy See surrounded and threatened by furious enemies. Pius from the rock of Gaete, contemplates the world and shields the Church with the powerful defense of Mary Immaculate. Satan shamefully retreats, the triumphant Pontiff returns to his throne to assemble the Bishops and to fix in a solemn decree the glory of the Mother of God, proclaiming her *Immaculate* sending through all the world a thrill of joy and hope. Who may describe the glory bestowed on mankind, courageously crushing a false philosophy, which sees in human beings but a soulless animal.

Each year brings a new glory to the Pontificate of Pius IX. With the Syllabus he assails the enemy taking him out of his strongest positions, unearthing his snares. Binding all the Churches in the unity of liturgical rites, he constitutes with the united hierarchy an invincible army, and through the Council of the Vatican he manifests to the world the divine Constitution of the Church of Jesus Christ, here below under the direction of an infallible Pontiff, whom God has always preserved from error. She is the beacon light to all generations, guiding wanderers and pointing to them the way to salvation.

However iniquity prevails, the piedmontese troops hired by freemasonry surround Rome and keep Pius IX prisoner in his own states. The courageous Pontiff resists the hatred and hypocrisy of his enemies, while he continues to govern the Church with an incomparable wisdom. His persecutors fall and die, Pius IX outlives to draw the whole world to the feet of the Roman Pontiff.

During this admirable Pontificate, the hierarchy in the United States is constituted, developed and confirmed for the extension of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the New World.

Already a century has passed away since the birth of this illustrious Pontiff. In the excitement caused by the preparations of the World's Fair, will the 12th of May pass unobserved by the Catholics? Is not Pius IX greater than Colum-

bus? The latter has discovered a corner of this immense country, and abandoned it to the ambition of lawless men. During thirty-three years Pius IX has courageously defended the whole Catholic Church opposing himself at an impregnable citadel to the efforts of heresy and resisting the assaults of impiety. Intrepid as Leo the Great who repulsed Attila and his barbarian hordes, Pius IX has saved the world from the Satanic plots of Freemasonry. Let us arise, Catholics of America! Let us honor the memory of the great pontiff to whom the whole Church owes an eternal gratitude.

And even if his memory would be forgotten by a cold and ungrateful world, we children of St. Joseph, we cannot let pass unobserved the 12th of May, the first centenary of Pius IX.

He gave the impulse to the devotion to St. Joseph, extending to the whole Church the Feast of his Patronage and above all in proclaiming him Patron of the Universal Church. It is related too that in his private room Pius IX had but one picture, representing St. Joseph. It was placed over the bed as a sign that the pontiff was resting under the protection of St. Joseph as the Child Jesus into the arms of his foster father.

It seems to be a providential circumstance that the Coronation of St. Joseph will take place on the 8th of May, a few days before the first Centenary of Pius IX. Let us then, dear Associates, start the movement, which will revive the blessed memory of our illustrious beloved Pontiff Pius IX!

As the Feast of the Coronation will last the whole week, we may have at St. Joseph's shrine a special *rendez-vous* in honor of Pius IX. It belongs to men of character and energy to take the head of the movement, we will be glad and happy to be their servant on this occasion and we will spare no pains nor fatigue to favor the assembly of the admirers of Pius IX near by St. Joseph, the protector of the Church. We are ready to hear and to favor all suggestions which will help the desired movement. J. F. D.

# RT. REV. BISHOP MESSMER,

Consecrated March 27, 1892.

Rev. Dr. Sebastian Gebhard Messmer was formally consecrated as Bishop of the diocese of Green Bay, at St. Peter's Church, Newark, N. J., on Sunday, March 27. A cold northeast storm did not interfere with the presence of hundreds of people and before the hour of service the edifice was crowded. At 10 o'clock a procession of bishops and clergy was formed in the schoolhouse adjoining the church in the following order: Assistant master of ceremonies, Father Lambert, of Jersey City; cross bearer, flanked on either side by acolytes; clergy of Newark; fifty little girls, clad in white and carrying bouquets; the visiting clergy; professors of the Catholic University of America of Washington, D. C.; Father Bonaventure, of New York, superior of the Capuchins; Father Dyonisius, superior of the Franciscans; Vicar General May, of Brooklyn; Mgr. Farley, of New York; Bishops elect Gabriel and McDonnell; Abbots Hilary, of Newark, and Elixis, of Brooklyn; Bishops O'Farrell, of Trenton, and McQuaid, of Rochester; Assistant Consecrating Bishops Wigger of Newark, and Keane, of Washington, with their chaplains; Bishop-elect Messmer, attended by his brother, the Rev. Gabriel Messmer, of Detroit; the Rev. Father Wahl, of Jersey City; Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, and his chaplains; Consecrating Bishop Zardetti, of St. Cloud, Minn., a schoolmate and life-long friend of Bishop Messmer; and the master of ceremonies, Prof. O'Connor, of Seton Hall College.

The procession passed up the central aisle of the church and as the clergy entered the sanctuary "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" was sung by a large choir. There were two altars. One, the high altar, in the sanctuary, which was for the con-

secrating bishop and attendants, and the other, the altar of the Blessed Virgin, which was for Bishop-Elect Messmer and his attendants. Both altars were brilliantly illuminated with candles and decorated with flowers. On Bishop Messmer's altar were the usual pontifical vestments, a ewer of water, piths of bread, three large candles, three loaves of bread ornamented with gold, and three small vessels of wine to be used during the service. Bishops Wigger and Keane were with Dr. Messmer at the smaller altar, and the consecrating bishops at the high altar. After all had been appropriately vested, Dr. Messmer was conducted before Bishop Zardetti and presented to him by the attending bishops. The usual questions as to faith were asked and answered and Dr. Messmer kissed the consecrating bishop's hand.

Bishop Zardetti then began mass and the bishop-elect returned to the smaller altar, where he put on the pectoral cross and was vested in his tunic. He was then conducted before the consecrating bishop and the congregation knelt in prayer for the bishop-elect. Dr. Messmer prostrated himself while the "Litany of the Saints" was sung. He then knelt before the consecrating bishops, who laid the Book of Gospels on Dr. Messmer's neck and shoulders and recited the prayer of consecration, while the other bishops surrounded Dr. Messmer and placed their hands on his head, all exclaiming, "Receive the Holy Ghost." Following this ceremony the "Veni Creator Spiritus" was sung. Bishop Zardetti then anointed Dr. Messmer. Bishop Zardetti blessed the pastoral staff and ring and delivered the book of gospels to Dr. Messmer, who was conducted back to his own altar and cleansed.

Bishop McQuaid preached a most eloquent sermon in which he spoke of Dr. Messmer's high character as a man and his ability as a theologian; of the great

field of work that was opening before him and of the love and devotion that would be shown him. Mass was then continued and the consecrator gave Dr. Messmer the kiss of peace. Communion and absolution followed. The consecrator then blessed the mitre and gloves of the new bishop. Bishop Messmer then was led to the throne in the sanctuary and the "Te Deum" was chanted. Bishop Messmer was then led through the church, bestowing his blessing on the people as he passed and returning to the high altar, where he made the sign of the cross and gave his blessing. Bishop Messmer then returned to the smaller altar and read a selection from the Bible. The services were concluded with a hymn and St. Peter's bells rang out a merry peal for the new bishop.

The services lasted over four hours, and at the close a banquet was held. Covers were laid for 300 guests. Bishop Messmer presided, and many toasts were proposed. Dr. Messmer responded to one in his honor very feelingly, and spoke pleasantly of his new field of labor. Archbishop Corrigan responded to the toast, "The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII," and Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton, to the toast, "Our Country." On Friday, Bishop Messmer will preach in St. Peter's Church, at Newark, and on Sunday, he will celebrate his first pontifical high mass in that church. The next day he will leave for Green Bay, stopping at Milwaukee one day. He will officiate at Green Bay, April 10.

The Episcopal ring, which was very handsome, was the gift, of Cardinal Gibbons, who is a warm friend of Dr. Messmer. The pectoral cross was the gift of Mrs. L. Benziger, of Staten Island. The sisters of Notre Dame attached to St. Peter's Church at Newark gave a handsome purple cassock of silk. John Kuser and his brothers, of Newark, gave the crozier, and the mitre was a gift of the professors of the theological faculty of the Catholic University of America at Washington. It is elaborately embroidered and set with precious stones.

## THANKSGIVINGS.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Will you please offer a Mass for the Holy Souls in thanksgiving to St. Joseph for a favor received.

M. E. G.

*D., Mich.*—Rev Father:—Enclosed you will find the dollar for a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph for a great favor received. You will remember me asking for special prayers for my sister's husband. It has pleased Almighty God to grant the request through the intercession of St. Joseph.

M. T. B.

*New York.*—Please say a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph for me. I have just received a singular and marvelous favor from him, the result of a novena. If I should tell all that this good Saint has done for me, my account would fill a book. Never can I forget that it was you who inspired me with devotion to the Friend of Hopeless Cases.

F. M. K.

*H., Cal.*—Please read a Mass of thanksgiving of myself and of my husband.

A. G.

*O., Wis.*—Please find one dollar for a Mass of thanksgiving to St. Joseph, who has granted me a special favor.

A. M.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Rev. Fr. Durin:—On the 11th inst. I sent out a petition for the immediate prayers of St. Joseph's Association for a particular personal favor. The favor was granted on the 14th manifesting St. Joseph's intercession with the Sacred Heart. My heartfelt thanks to our beloved patron.

M. H.

*P., Montana.* Please offer a Mass in thanksgiving to St. Joseph for two very great favors. One seemed really a hopeless case; thousand thanks to dear St. Joseph. Mass to be offered for poor souls in purgatory in honor of dear St. Joseph.

M. DUNNE.

*Indianapolis, Ind.*—Dear Rev. Father Durin:—Some time ago I told you we were threatened to have the B. Sacra-

ment taken from us. And now I can impart to you the good news that our dear Bishop, readily consulted to bless our new chapel and say the first Mass in it himself. How grateful we are to our dear Father St. Joseph can hardly be told. Please offer a Mass of thanksgiving to the Dear Saint I am about to leave for St. Louis, on my return I will send the offering I promised. May God ever bless your undertaking. Please pray for the wants of our Community. And believe in the Sacred Heart. SISTER L.

*Summit, N. J.*—Rev. Father:—About a year ago this time I was attending school at St. Elisabeth's Academy, Convent Station, New Jersey. I was about to take an examination for a Teachers' Diploma. I had very little preparation for the examination so I had to depend entirely on prayer for success. It being St. Joseph's month I was told by the Sisters to put all under his protection and I would be sure of success. I did so and one of the Sisters wrote you to have a light burnt before St. Joseph's statue. At that time I promised that if I succeeded I would send you a few dollars to have Masses said. So enclosed you will find three dollars for which I wish three Masses said in thanksgiving. Hoping you may once in a while say a little prayer for me, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

MARY E. LANE, E. de M.

Rev. Father Durin:—Please except this little offering to St. Joseph. I am very poor. I wish to return thanks to St. Joseph for the grace of 2 brothers giving up drink almost entirely; we had lost all hopes for one when we recommended him to St. Joseph a year ago. I thank him sincerely. I will send you a few requests to place at his feet also asking your prayers.

Miss M. E.

*Go to St. Joseph, and love him as Jesus and Mary loved him, and as they love him still.*

*Lack of space compels us to postpone the continuation of "Loreto" until next month.*

## UNION OF PRAYERS, PETITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS.

With one mind and one heart the members of the Archconfraternity will pray during this month for the success of the Coronation, that it become an occasion of glorification for St. Joseph and of edification for the people.

The two Masses said Wednesday and Friday and the prayers of the Associates will be applied to:

His Holiness Leo XIII and the triumph of the Church.

The Most Reverend F. X. Katzer, Archbishop of Milwaukee.

The Right Rev. S. G. Messmer, Bishop of Green Bay.

The intentions of the Right Reverend H. Cosgrove, Bishop of Davenport.

All the Bishops of America.

All the Missions of America.

The spirit of union and zeal for the clergy.

All foreign missions among infidels and heretics.

The conversion of schismatics in the Peninsula, Wis.

The Indians of Keshena.

The Conversion of the Oneidas.

The Association of the Catholic Press.

The Parochial Schools.

The protection of St. Joseph against influenza and other diseases.

That St. Joseph, the guardian of children, taking them under his protection preserve them from any scheme or plan opposed to the liberty of Christian education.

For blessings upon our teaching Religious Orders.

The Holy League of children consecrated to St. Joseph.

For justice, peace and harmony between laborers and their masters.

For prosperity and the increase of all Catholic benevolent societies.

That the Associates of St. Joseph unite in a strong crusade against blasphemy and intemperance.

The canonization of the Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The beatification of the Venerable Mary of the Incarnation, of the Venerable Julie Billard, founder of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Namur.

The increase and prosperity of the Deliverance society or Union for the relief of the "Poor Souls."

For the spiritual, moral, social and financial welfare of all the laborers and tradesmen.

For the reunion of all schismatic churches with Rome, the Mother-Church.

For the liberation of Rome from its masonic tyrants.

For the liberation of Jerusalem out of the hands of Mohammedans and Schismatics.

For the conversion of Jews.

The benefactors of St. Joseph's church and of its Archconfraternity.

The promoters of the Coronation.

90 Communities—500 Conversions—50 Employments—400 Families—350 Intemperate persons—200 Girls—45 Happy Deaths—1200 Particular Intentions—65 Perseverances—120 Priests and their parishes—350 Religious—300 Sick persons—800 Temporal Blessings—900 Spiritual Blessings—25 Travelers—120 Undertakings—300 Vocations—350 Young Men—120 Hopeless Cases—150 Perseverances.

All favors solicited and not yet obtained.

We remind our monthly Novena which will be made from April 6 to Holy Thursday a seasonable time for prayer.

## MONTHLY OBITUARY.



We recommend to the charitable prayers of the members of the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph, Sister Joseph Scannell, O. S. D. whose precious death occurred on the eve of St. Joseph's Day, at St. Cecelia Academy, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Mary Abigail Dutton, died January 16th, 1892, at Janesville, Wis., aged 80 years.

The departed members of the Archconfraternity and all those registered in the Obituary Book, *Requiescant in pace!*